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Diamondhead Parade is today

The Diamondhead Mardi Gras Parade will once again roll through the streets of Diamondhead today at noon. The parade will take the normal route from the community center to the country club.

Krewe of Nereids rolls in Waveland

The Krewe of Nereids is set to roll with their annual Mardi Gras Parade on Sunday Feb. 19, at 1 p.m. The Parade will follow the traditional route from the K-Mart parking lot, east to the post office, and then back west to Our Shopping Center in Waveland.

St. Paul parade in Pass Christian

The St. Paul Carnival Assoc. Mardi Gras parade will roll on Sunday, Feb. 26, beginning at noon. Grand Marshal will be ABC News' Robin Roberts.

Krewe of Real People is ready

The Krewe of Real People will roll Mardi Gras Day. The parade will line up at Commerce Park in Bay St. Louis at 11 a.m. and will begin at 1 p.m. There will be no entry fee. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Tequila Hall at 228-342-0883 or Sharon Alexander, 228-493-2092.

VFW Ladies at Lakeshore meet

The American Legion Post 152, Lakeshore, Ladies Aux. and SAL will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post 208, 3rd St. in Bay St. Louis.

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Waveland fights Bay annexation

'Hospitality City' not so hospitable toward judge's ruling

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The city of Waveland is fighting back against a judge's ruling last December to allow the city of Bay St. Louis to pur-

sue its annexation of the Hwy. 603 corridor.

Attorneys for the city last week petitioned for either a new trial in Forrest County Chancery Court or the overturn-

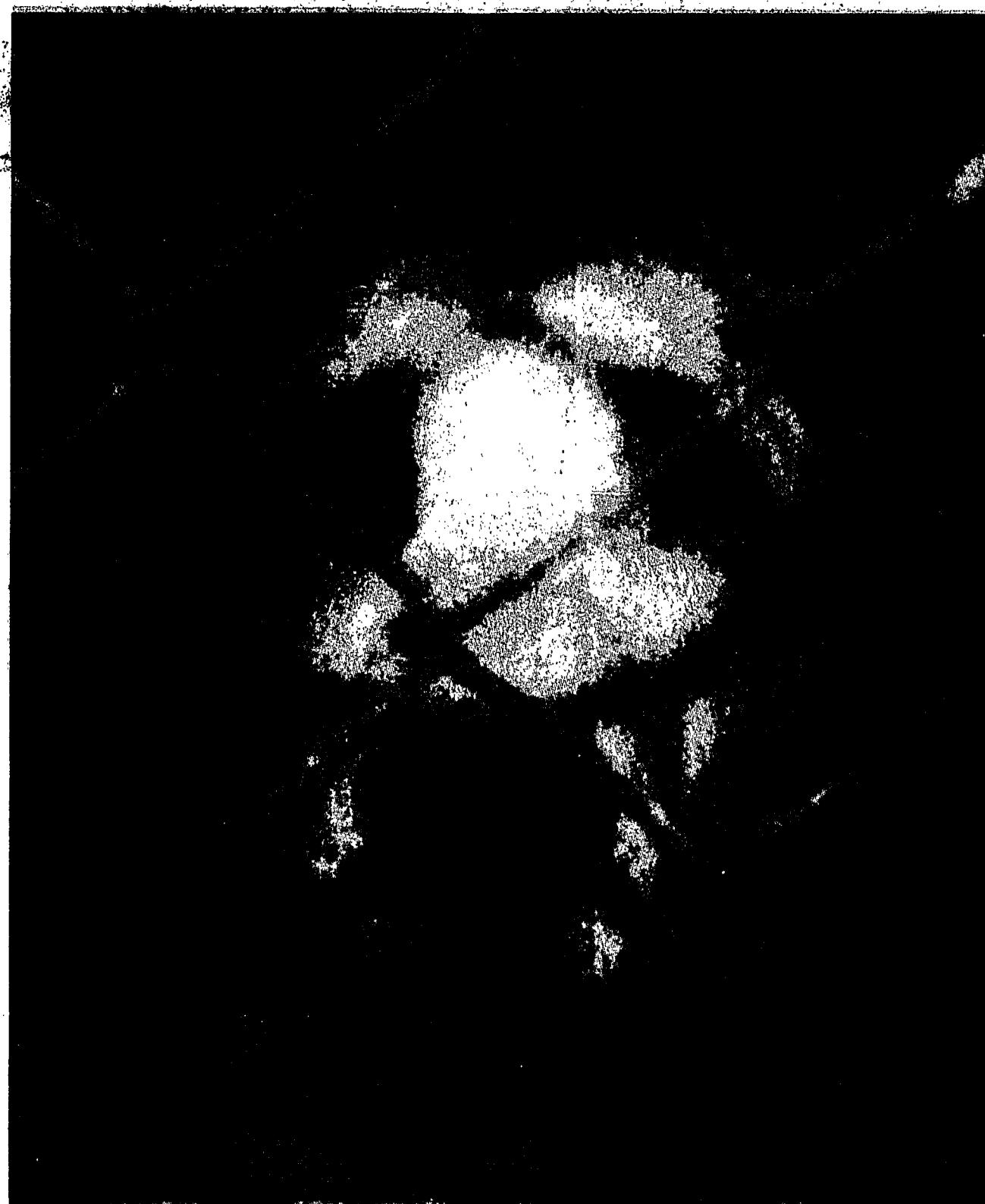
ing of a prior ruling. Forrest County Judge James Thomas ruled in favor of Bay St. Louis' proposal in early December

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Tommy Longo

Gimme Shelter



The Hancock County Board of Supervisors this week accepted a proposal from Bucks County, Pennsylvania to build a new animal shelter in the county. The only cost to Hancock County will be the property.

Bucks Co., Pa. to build new animal shelter for Hancock

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors tackled some important issues at Wednesday's meeting, including courthouse repairs, a new animal



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Rape suspect nabbed in Hancock

Deputies capture La. fugitive who allegedly held woman captive

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Hancock County deputies arrested a suspected rapist Wednesday evening. The subject Donald S. Nichols, 48 years old, 10949 Kalae St. Diamondhead, is wanted in Kenner, La., for three counts of aggravated rape and one count of false imprisonment.

On Wednesday evening, the Kenner Police Department asked the Hancock County Sheriff's Department to be on the look out for Nichols. Shortly before midnight on Wednesday, deputies Chris Russell and Jimmy Esposito stopped Nichols on Diamondhead Drive East.

In a press release from the Kenner P.D., offices say that Nichols is

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Esslinger has to choose: A.D. or coach

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Hancock High School Athletic Director and head Football Coach Walt Esslinger must decide which job he wants to keep, as the Hancock County School Board voted 3-1 on Thursday evening to not waive the policy of separate positions for athletic director and head coach for the 2006-

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Rotary Over the Rainbow



The Port Townsend, Washington, Rotary Clubs and Bay St. Louis Rotary Club last week pledged \$12,500 towards getting children's programs up and running in Bay St. Louis in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The Port Townsend groups raised the funds and gave them to the Bay Club, which will in turn administer them locally, including a donation to the Over the Rainbow Preschool. The school will reopen soon with an enrollment of 45 children. Pictured are, from left, Kees Kolff of Port Townsend Rotary; Bay Rotary President Reagan Kane; Over the Rainbow's Renee Boudreux; Bay Fire Chief Robert Gavagni; Over the Rainbow's Leticia Acker; and Port Townsend residents Scott Landis and Kathleen Mitchell.

Suspect

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accused of forcing his female victim to remain in her north Kenner apartment against her will and raping her on three occasions between Feb. 1 and Feb. 3. The victim, who feared for her life, submitted because Nichols was armed with a handgun that he kept within reach, police said. Nichols and the victim had a prior relationship, which the victim was trying to ter-

minate out of fear for her safety, according to the statement.

Deputies seized four handguns and an assault rifle from Nichols' car, including two .45 caliber semiautomatics, a .40 caliber handgun, .22 caliber handgun, and a .223 caliber rifle. Deputies said they also recovered a scope and a tote bag full of ammunition.

Nichols is being held in the custody of

Hancock County until he can be extradited back to Louisiana.

"Our deputies did a great job in getting this guy off the street," Sheriff Steve Garber said Thursday.

"We are thankful to Hancock County," said Captain James Gallagher of the Kenner Police Department. "The deputies got the suspect quickly and hopefully we can bring him to justice."

MDOT announces funding of Beach Blvd. storm repairs

SEA COAST ECHO
The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) announced this week that the scenic Beach Boulevard along the Mississippi Gulf Coast will be funded through federal emergency funds, according to Southern District Transportation

Commissioner Wayne Brown.

Initially the Beach Boulevard project was estimated to cost approximately \$10 million and was to be funded through the Office of State Aid. After intense research and planning by MDOT following Hurricane Katrina, the project price

tag was increased to \$30 million. Prompted by Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives, J.P. Compreta, MDOT decided to spearhead the project themselves and push for federal emergency funding.

Work is expected to begin by fall of 2006.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR INITIAL HEARING

The City of Bay St. Louis is considering applying to the Mississippi Development Authority for a HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant of up to \$550,000. The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$15 million that will be made available to cities / towns, counties, and CHDO's on a competitive basis to undertake eligible activities. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation of Rental Units
2. Homebuyer Assistance
3. Homeowner Rehabilitation
4. CHDO

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of affordable housing for low and very-low income persons. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements, and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing that will be held at the temporary City Council Chambers of the City of Bay St. Louis on March 7, 2006 at 4:30 PM. The Applicant is considering applying for New Construction / Substantial Rehabilitation of Rental Units. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the applications. Interested parties are invited to attend, as the purpose of this meeting is to obtain citizen input into the development of the application. Written comments will be accepted for up to fifteen days after the public hearing at PO Box 13127, Jackson, Mississippi 39236.

Babe Ruth Baseball Registration

BSL Babe Ruth Baseball will conduct registration for children ages 4-12 on February 23, 27, and March 2, 3 and 9 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis City Complex at the Train Depot.

For additional information call Ronnie Artigues (467-5426), Jerry Rigby (467-5744) or Paula McRaney (323-2888).

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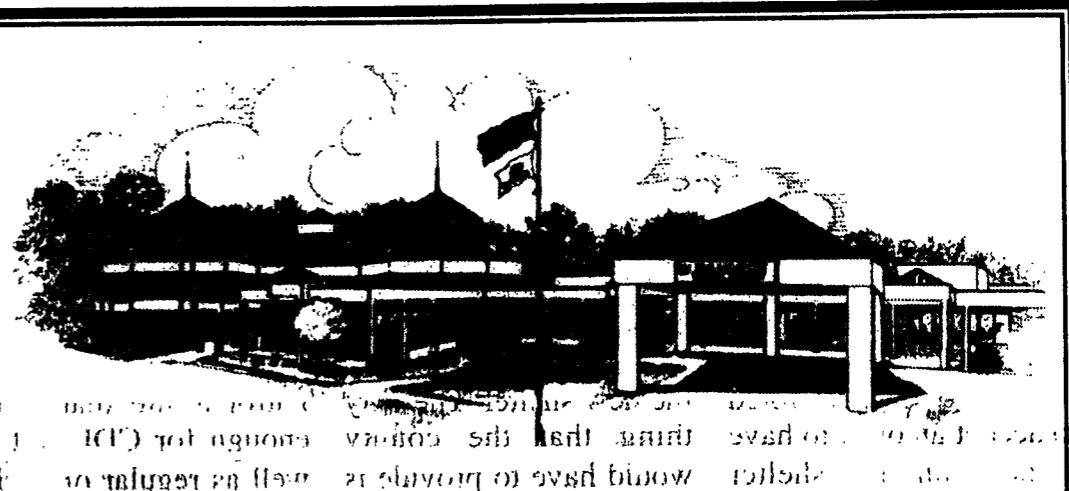
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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Feb. 11-17. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

STAFF REPORT

David McGill, 26, no tag, no insurance, no child restraint, suspended license
Tiree Bridget, probation violation
Jack Harris, 37, back for court
Charles Brewer, 41, back for court

Ronald Tognazzia, hold for Florida
Earl Cox, 71, animal cruelty
Michael Stringer, 44, aggravated assault on officer, resisting arrest, reckless driving, suspended license, ran stop sign, possession of crack, surrender off bond
Korey Vaughn, 39, disturbance of family
Tina Brannon, 45, improper equipment, no license, no insurance
Jimmy Cummings, 28, DUI, simple possession, careless driving, no insurance
Sebastos Aslanis, 22, public drunk

Paul Saucier, 25, public drunk
Michael Mitchell, 26, public drunk
Brandon Willis, 21, public drunk
Danny Bond, 41, public drunk
Draper Cuevas, 25, disturbance of family
Tara Anderson, 41, grand larceny
Craig Cook, 47, false information, open container
Jimmy Morton, 54, DUI, possession of firearm by felon
Michael Tamez, 37, trespass
Timothy Robinson, 41, burglary

Kurt Graves, 38, public drunk, open container
Justin Falgout, 18, domestic violence
Tommy Carter, 42, disorderly conduct
Robins Lacoste, 56, public drunk, trespass, disturbance of peace
Jason Evans, 25, simple assault
Ekrem Ahmetovic, 44, public drunk
Donald Nichols, hold for Kenner PD
Rick Lewis, 27, 14 days to serve
David Vest, domestic violence
David Thompson, 20, Arson surrender off bond contempt of court

Annexation

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shelter, and getting a drivers license outlet back in the county.

The meeting started out with a bang as District Four Supervisor Steve Seymour sounded off about his displeasure with the apparent lack of accountability for Port-O-Lets and dumpsters that the county is paying for.

"We just don't know how many there are out there," Seymour said. "They say that they are servicing these things daily, but that's a bunch of bull. We are paying thousands and thousands dollars for these things, I think there should be more accountability."

The board then voted to accept an offer to have a new animal shelter built somewhere in the county. The county had received an offer some time back from a group from Bucks County Pa. to fund and build a new shelter. The Waveland animal shelter currently houses animals for the cities of Waveland, Bay

St. Louis, and as the county. The Waveland shelter received damage from Katrina, and its status has been uncertain.

"We have been raising funds for upgrades of our shelter for the past four years," said Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo. "Nobody has really discussed the county's plans with the city, but no matter what happens we will always have some kind of shelter for our needs here in the city. Eventually we may let the county house our animals, but we'll have to see what happens first."

The proposal from the Bucks Co. group is to fully fund and construct the new shelter. The only thing that the county would have to provide is the land for the project. The board voted 4-0 to accept the proposal, and find land for the project.

"This is a great opportunity for the county," said Seymour. "We have a few locations in mind, and hopefully by next month we can secure

one."

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre is also supportive of the new shelter.

"I think it's a great idea," Favre said.

The board also heard from two officials from the Mississippi Highway Patrol. The Highway Patrol is seeking to re-open a drivers' license

site in Hancock County to run five days a week. Currently the only drivers' license registration and renewal sites open on the coast are in Picayune, Saucier, D'Iberville, and Biloxi.

The site can be opened as soon as the supervisors can give the Highway Patrol a site that is big enough for CDL test, as well as regular operating license.

Ideas were discussed about the use of the Army National Guard building and possibly even the Kmart shopping center. Board members promised to find a suitable site in the near future.

In other business:

Estimates for roof repairs for the Hancock County Court House came in at \$275,000, and the board voted to accept a bid to have the roof repaired prior to a March 15, deadline.

"We have got to fast track this," Seymour said. "We have been dropping the ball on the courthouse, and conditions are going down quickly in there."

"I don't think we have the option to wait on this," said District One Supervisor David Yarborough.

The roof repairs will include placing a permanent roof on the courthouse.

"Once we get the roof secured, then we can go head with restoration plans," County Attorney Ronnie Artigues said.

Coach -- Esslinger

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2007 school year.

The proposal to waive the policy was brought to the board by Superintendent David Kopf.

"The principal thinks that he, Esslinger, is doing a good job," Kopf said. "I feel like he has been efficient and does a good job."

A similar situation took place three years ago, when then head coach and athletic director Rocky Gaudin was faced with a choice as well.

District four board member Peggy Ladner explained that the policy to split the two positions has been in place for years, and that the board has made exceptions in the past.

"This policy was put in place over ten years ago. Two years ago we waived the policy because we were short on time," Ladner said. "Last year we waived the policy because it saved us money. I just would like to see us go with the original policy. It's not that I think that he has not done a good job, I just feel like there are a lot of benefits to have a full time athletic director."

Board President Morgan Ladner agreed with Peggy Ladner.

"A district this size needs a full time athletic director," Morgan Ladner said. "We would be better served by focusing on just one athletic director."

District One board member Packer Ladner questioned how much it would cost the district to hire a separate athletic director or head coach.

Kopf said that the board would come out ahead if they kept Esslinger as a dual athletic director and coach.

The board then voted 3-1 to not grant the waiver of policy for the 2006-2007 school year, with District Two board member Rose Acker being the one yes vote. The board informed Kopf that Esslinger could keep whichever of the two jobs he wants.

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Opinion



Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas

Publisher Emeritus

Krewe-zing

Do not forget the Diamondhead Mardi Gras Parade scheduled for today at noon. The theme this year is "Diamondhead Survives," which is very appropriate.

Mario and Charlotte Fiedlo, King and Queen of the 2005 parade will serve as the symbols of the year's theme, "King Surge and Queen Katrina."

The annual Diamondhead Mardi Gras Parade is very popular as it has some very good viewing areas along its route.

The parade route will be the same from the community enter to the Diamondhead Country Club.

Taylor of Bay St. Louis will serve as grand marshall.

Nereids will have ten floats with 115 members riding followed by two floats from the Krewe of Eros and then the Krewe of Hancock's 45 floats.

Parade goers should collect a lot of beads and trinkets. Enjoy the Mardi Gras parades.

Spring is not far away, and ball registration is now underway in several leagues.

The Waveland Little League is now seeking players ages 5-14 years. They can contact Shelly at 547-6541 or Jason at 547-0457 for registration info.

The Annual General Election meeting will be held February 19 at 4 p.m. at the ball field.

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball registration for children ages 4-14 will be held on Feb. 23, 27 and March 2, 3 and 9 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis City Complex at the Bay Train Depot.

For additional information contact: Ronnie Artigues, 467-5426; Jerry Rigby, 467-5744; or Paula McRaney at 323-2888.

While on the subject of Mardi Gras, the great Krewe of Nereids are set to roll tomorrow, Sunday.

This will mark the 40th year for the Ladies of Nereids to bring us Mardi Gras.

The parade forms in the K-Mart parking lot and rolls at 1 p.m. sharp.

Nereids travels down U.S. Highway 90 East to Buslog, Bay St. Louis, then west down U.S. 90 to disband at our shopping center.

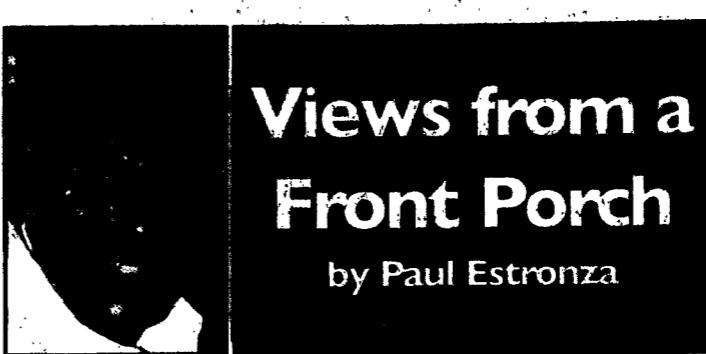
Our own U.S. Congressman Gene

Things that go bump in the night

Why is it that the best part of sleeping often occurs in the ten minutes before you are supposed to get up?

You know what I mean. You wake up in the middle of the night for some reason. You look over and find your bedside digital clock reads 04:10. Unable to return to sleep, you find yourself tossing and turning for the next two hours, going over the next days chores in unbelievable, useless detail until just after 06:10 (noted by the same brightly lit bedside clock) zoom, you are gone, slipped sideways to a secret nook, and find yourself softly wafted about in wonderful euphoric sleep. Life is good.

Then, wham, it's 06:30 (same clock) and you are rudely yanked awake and the world rushes in with its new day demands on your existence.



Views from a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza

It's not fair. Why were those few moments so wonderful? And why did they have to be so brief?

I sat at the breakfast table and began discussing this philosophic point with Stella the other day. She's gone Pennsylvania native and was eating scrapple topped with locally-produced maple syrup. I was eating a more humane breakfast of soft boiled eggs, toast and coffee; bowing to local cuisine only in that I was drinking apple cider rather than orange juice.

Stella listened to my musings for a few minutes, then put her fork down atop the (ugh) scrapple and looked over

at me.

"Paul, if you had slept all the way through, you would not have noticed that ten-minute catnap."

"You're missing my point."

"No, I'm not. You're really just upset because you couldn't go back to sleep. What woke you up at 04:10 in the first place?"

"Holly. He was jumping around the room playing or something. Then he leaped up on the bed and got up real close to my face and purred. His breath smelled like old shoes. I kicked him off the bed and then couldn't go back to sleep till just after 06:10. Then I slept..."

"Holly's breath does not smell like an old shoe. Besides, you weren't even awake. How could you know what it was you..."

"It did smell like an old shoe and I was awake! Wide awake! I'm telling you, Stella, if we ever get a kitchen with a door back again, Holly he is going to stay in there where he belongs and we are..."

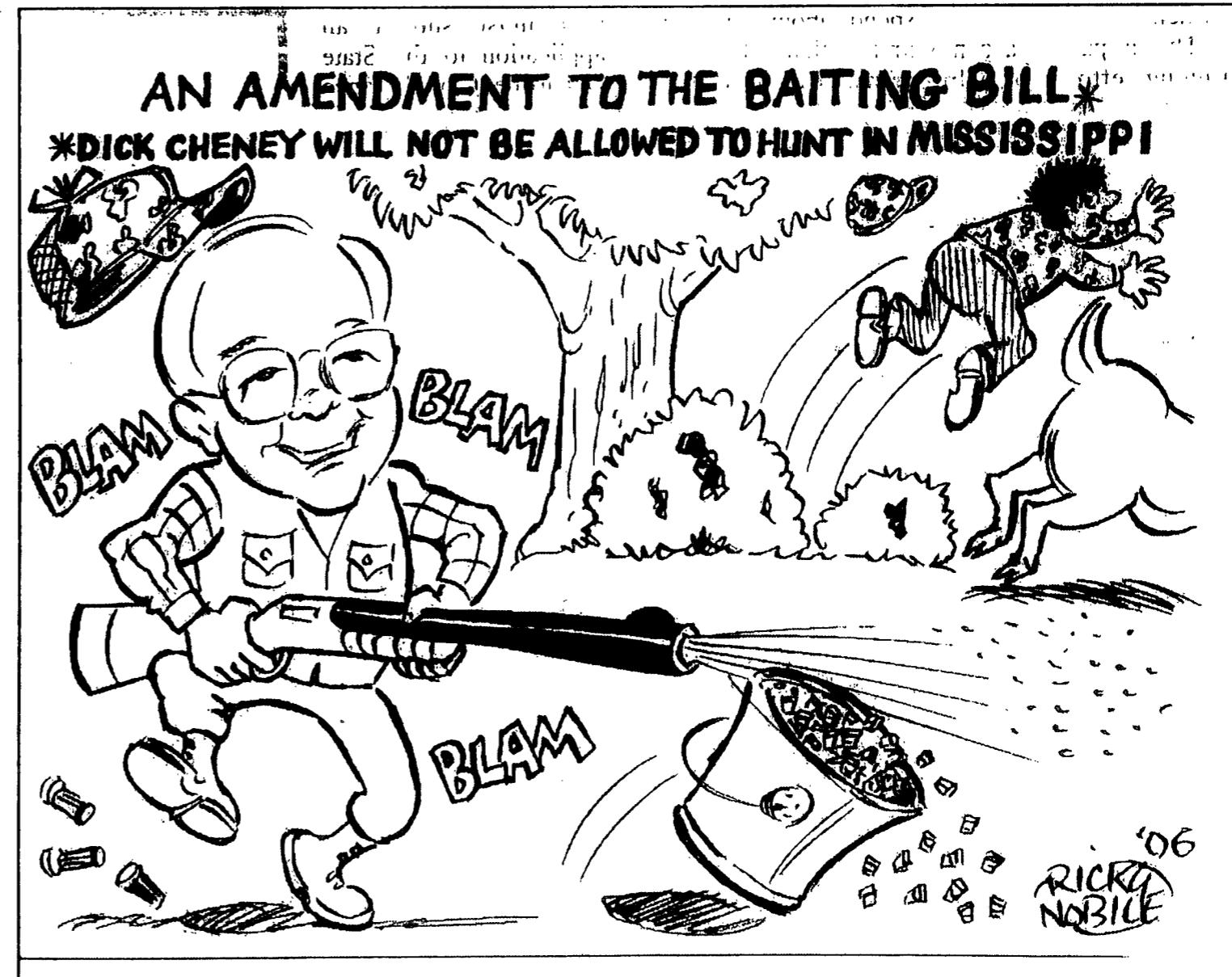
"He didn't wake me. Are you sure it was 04:10?"

I got up and stacking the breakfast dishes together, took them to the sink and started washing them.

"What I was trying to say was that why is it that the last few minutes of sleep..."

I turned. Stella had left the room. I turned back to the dishes and started to scrub them extra hard. There weren't many dishes and, despite my

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Letters to the Editor

The Little School that Could' has been told, 'No you won't!'

Rev. Thomas Rodi, Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, MS, has decided to close St. Clare Elementary School, featured in The Chicago Tribune, USA Today and Commercial Appeal as "the little school that could." Faculty, parents and staff under the leadership of Fr. Martin Gillespie reopened the school just eight weeks after being destroyed by

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LOCAL LAWMAKER OPENS SESSION—State Rep. Dirk Dedeaux, right, of House District 93, including portions of Hancock, Harrison, Pearl River, Stone, Forrest and Lamar counties, opened the Feb. 14 session of the Mississippi House of Representatives with prayer. He is pictured with Speaker of the House J.P. Comprett of Bay St. Louis, who presided over the session. Rep. Dedeaux is in his 10th year as a member of the Legislature and is vice chairman of the House Medicaid Committee. He also serves on the Elections, Conservation and Water Resources, Insurance, Judiciary B, PEER and Public Health committees.

State lawmakers okay loans

The full House of Representatives on Wednesday, Feb. 15 took another step to help beleaguered homeowners on the Gulf Coast rebuild their homes by passing HB 1548, a measure authored by a host of South Mississippi representatives that would provide loans of up to \$25,000 per homeowner.

This is part of a continuing effort to help Coast homeowners on the part of the House of Representatives. We passed a similar bill last year during a special legislative session only to see it die in the State Senate. Under this year's bill, the state would issue \$250 million in bonds to finance the no-interest loan program, which includes a payback by the homeowner.

HB 1548 provides that the home must be rebuilt in the county where the damage was sustained, and is for homeowners who either did not have flood insurance or whose damage exceeded such insurance. The home-

owner also must agree to purchase flood insurance for the rebuilt home. The loans would be repaid over a 20-year period.

Many see this bill as a way to provide help for homeowners who may not otherwise qualify for the homeowner program that will be financed through the Governor's Office. Mississippi will spend about \$4 billion under that plan, with grants of up to \$150,000 per homeowner.

However, many Coast residents who probably will not qualify for the federally-financed program may be helped under HB 1548. "This is a way to fill that gap," said House Ways and Means Chairman Percy Watson.

Basically, this bill is for homeowners who:

-- Own or have owned a home that sustained physical damage due to flooding or storm surge as a result of Hurricane Katrina;

-- Did not have flood insurance or other insurance providing coverage for such damage or had

flood insurance but had a flood loss that exceeded such insurance and was not covered by other insurance or source of reimbursement.

-- Agree to obtain and maintain flood insurance coverage on the property for which assistance is requested.

An individual desiring assistance under this section must submit an application to the State Department of Finance and Administration. The application must include a description of the property and the purpose for which assistance is requested, the cost of the project for which assistance is requested and any other information required by the department.

This bill passed the House of Representatives on an overwhelming 116-3 vote, with Reps. Denny, Huddleston and Mims voting against it.

"I cannot possibly think of any reason why someone would vote against this bill, considering the damage to so many thousands of

homes," said House Speaker Pro Tempore J.P. Comprett of Bay St. Louis, one of the bill's authors. "Also, this is a loan program that must be paid back -- it's not a grant."

-- Agree to obtain and maintain flood insurance coverage on the property for which assistance is requested.

-- Contact Speaker Pro Tempore Comprett at 601-359-3304.

The ARTS explores some new opportunities at next meeting

SEA COAST ECHO
The ARTS, Hancock County will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, February 22 at 5:30 pm.

It will be held at the Bay St. Louis branch of the Hancock County Library. Members and prospective members are urged to attend.

The focus of this meeting is "Opportunities". Topics to be discussed are grant opportunities,

availability of art supplies, a new source for obtaining art supplies and equipment, and opportunities to show and sell artwork both locally and nationally. Opportunities for respite, both housing and studio space, will be discussed.

Information on an art competition to design a poster for the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival will also be given out.

Port Townsend, Washington is a sister city to Bay St. Louis. The artist with the winning design is awarded \$1,500.

Membership applications for 2006 will be available. Now, more than ever, it is important for artists to work together. If you have any questions, please call Gwen Impson at 228-263-6530 or Angela Sallis at 228-216-7725.

Small business start-up seminar is this Tuesday

University of Mississippi Gulf Coast Small Business Development Center will conduct a Small business start-up seminar on

Tuesday, 5-6:30 p.m. at Coast Electric Conference Center/Business Assistance Center Hwy 90 & Main St/behind the

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Dear Rev. Davis:

We write to you today to ask for your assistance saving St. Clare's Elementary School. On August 29, hurricane Katrina basically destroyed our home town, Waveland, MS. Almost 95% of the structures in the town have been destroyed or rendered uninhabitable. Sadly, St. Clare was among those destroyed. St. Clare is our only Catholic (and only faith-based) church and school. It is situated on 22 acres of beachfront property. St. Clare has served our community for well over a century. The property was deeded to the church in the 1880's for the purpose of building the school. I attended St. Clare as a child and it is my great joy that my, now 4-year-old, son currently attends St. Clare.

St. Clare's is a beacon of light for the community and a center of strength in a town that has literally lost everything. Our school has been featured in newspapers around the country and called "the little school that could". The principal, faculty and parents pulled together to re-open St. Clare just eight weeks after the storm! Using Quonset huts, equipment, and desperately needed funds donated from generous patrons around the country, we reopened the school before every other educational facility in Hancock County. We have roughly 120 (of a pre-storm 178) students

currently enrolled.

Last week, we were informed that the Diocese of Biloxi, under the direction of Bishop Thomas Rodi, has chosen not to rebuild St. Clare. The "plan" is to consolidate St. Clare with Bay Catholic Elementary (a 220-student elementary school) in Bay St. Louis Mississippi, a neighboring town. We understand the damage that Katrina caused and we understand the financial strain this has put on the Diocese. However, we have concerns about this plan and the process through which it was adopted.

First, although we requested a meeting with the Bishop, the parents of St. Clare were never consulted and had no input in the decision-making process.

Second, this plan leaves an established Catholic community without local, institutional support. Third, the facilities at Bay Catholic are unacceptable. The building is antiquated and there is no space for outdoor play or team sports practice. In fact, the small play yards are PAVED! We reject the Bishop's assertion that Bay Catholic can meet the needs of the entire area. The facilities are outdated and simply cannot meet the needs of the proposed student body. We would not send our son to Bay Catholic prior to the storm and do not wish to do so now.

We are a predominantly Catholic area. Since Katrina, our community has received help from seemingly every faith

group. However, the absence of Catholic outreach and involvement in our recovery has not gone unnoticed. Where is the Catholic presence in the wake of Katrina? The potential loss of St. Clare School rubs salt in an already gaping wound. Taking St. Clare from the residents of Waveland (especially now) is a travesty. The consolidation plan demonstrates a true disconnect between the Church, the community and the faithful. While Bishop Rodi is correct that recent enrollments at St. Clare had decreased slightly prior to the storm, this is normal in the life-cycle of a school.

What happened to Catholic education being community-based? What happened to the idea of meeting the needs of our families? What happened to giving our children the one-on-one attention and direction that Catholic education supposedly models? This "plan" leaves one faith-based school for the entire community. This may be okay for now but what happens when the 30,000 pre-Katrina residents return? And they will return. Families are moving back "home" every week. This plan simply will not meet the needs of both communities.

The loss of St. Clare has been the single biggest blow to our recovery. As parents and supporters of St. Clare, we were never given a forum to discuss rebuilding (or consolidation).

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We were never given the opportunity to communicate to the Bishop what we are willing to do to save our school. We are committed to giving our children the Catholic education and instruction that they deserve. We know we can raise the funds necessary to rebuild the school. As a community struggling to rebuild, we need our faith and we need our Church to support us. Unfortunately, it appears that our plea is falling on deaf ears.

The parents and faculty of St. Clare's are committed to keeping our school open. We have started fact-finding with other faith-based groups and private institutions to determine the feasibility of keeping our school open in another local facility. There has been some interest. However, we would rather provide our children with a Catholic education.

As the voice of Catholic education in the United States we are appealing to you to help our community. Please visit our parish. Talk to our children. Talk to us and see who we are and what we have accomplished. Please urge Bishop Rodi to reconsider this consolidation or to listen to alternate possibilities.

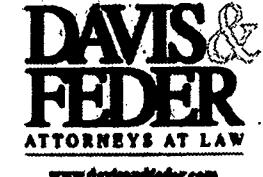
Please give us the opportunity and assistance to make our recovery whole. Let St. Clare be an example of what the Catholic Church can and should be.

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The Authority will review all requests and make a determination of need as to whether additional sites are needed and/or will be included in the application process for a plan amendment. For more information regarding the submission of requests and for a request application please call, (228)467-2770.

Annexation

2006.

The battle began more than a year ago, with both municipalities entering competitive annexation plans.

The city of Bay St. Louis had argued that the Hwy. 603 corridor – which is the area from Hwy. 603 north to Interstate 10 and east to the Jordan River – is the only viable area for growth that the city has. Bay St. Louis pointed to its millage rate of 17.75 mills being considerably lower than that of Waveland, and Bay St. Louis claimed that there is little room for commercial development along Hwy. 90. The Bay St. Louis plan also called for an increase in the city's organization of activities, such as fire and police personnel, public works, health and welfare, parks and beautification and water and

sewer. The city of Waveland claimed 83 percent of its city has been developed, leaving only 17 percent for future development. Waveland claimed an outstanding general obligation bond existed, and presented a five-year plan to provide vital services to the annexed area, similar to the services that Bay St. Louis has proposed.

In the December decision, James pointed to the fact that Bay St. Louis has only one avenue for expansion, as well as other factors. "The area north of Hwy. 603 to Interstate 10, is the only path of growth available to the City of Bay St. Louis," according to the judge's ruling. "While the city of Waveland does not seek to annex the bulk of that area, the Hwy. 603 corridor is critical to the development."

In last week's motion, Waveland's lawyers argued that, considering the massive rebuilding and recovery efforts from Hurricane Katrina, Bay St. Louis cannot legitimately afford to provide adequate services to the people in the annexed area.

Attorneys also pointed out that much of Bay St.

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Louis' budget, prior to Katrina, was fueled by the income from Casino Magic. They questioned whether the casino would ever come back, although Magic officials have said the casino will be back in operation by the end of the year.

There is as yet no indication on when or if Forrest County Chancery Court will act on Waveland's latest motion.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
FOR INITIAL HEARING

The City of Waveland is considering applying to the Mississippi Development Authority for a HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant of up to \$550,000. The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$15 million that will be made available to cities / towns, counties, and CHDO's on a competitive basis to undertake eligible activities. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation of Rental Units
2. Homebuyer Assistance
3. Homeowner Rehabilitation
4. CHDO

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of affordable housing for low and very-low income persons. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements, and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing that will be held at the temporary City Council Chambers of the City of Waveland on March 7, 2006 at 6:30 PM. The Applicant is considering applying for New Construction / Substantial Rehabilitation of Rental Units. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the applications. Interested parties are invited to attend, as the purpose of this meeting is to obtain citizen input into the development of the application. Written comments will be accepted for up to fifteen days after the public hearing at PO Box 13127, Jackson, Mississippi 39236.

Views

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intensive scouring, I was soon done. I began drying them, rubbing real hard with the dish towel. "Paul, come here!"

Stella was calling from the bedroom. When I joined her, she pointed to the floor next to my chair.

"There's your old shoe. Holly probably had taken it up on the bed to

show you. He probably was real proud and you went and kicked him off the bed. You should be ashamed of yourself!"

I looked to where she

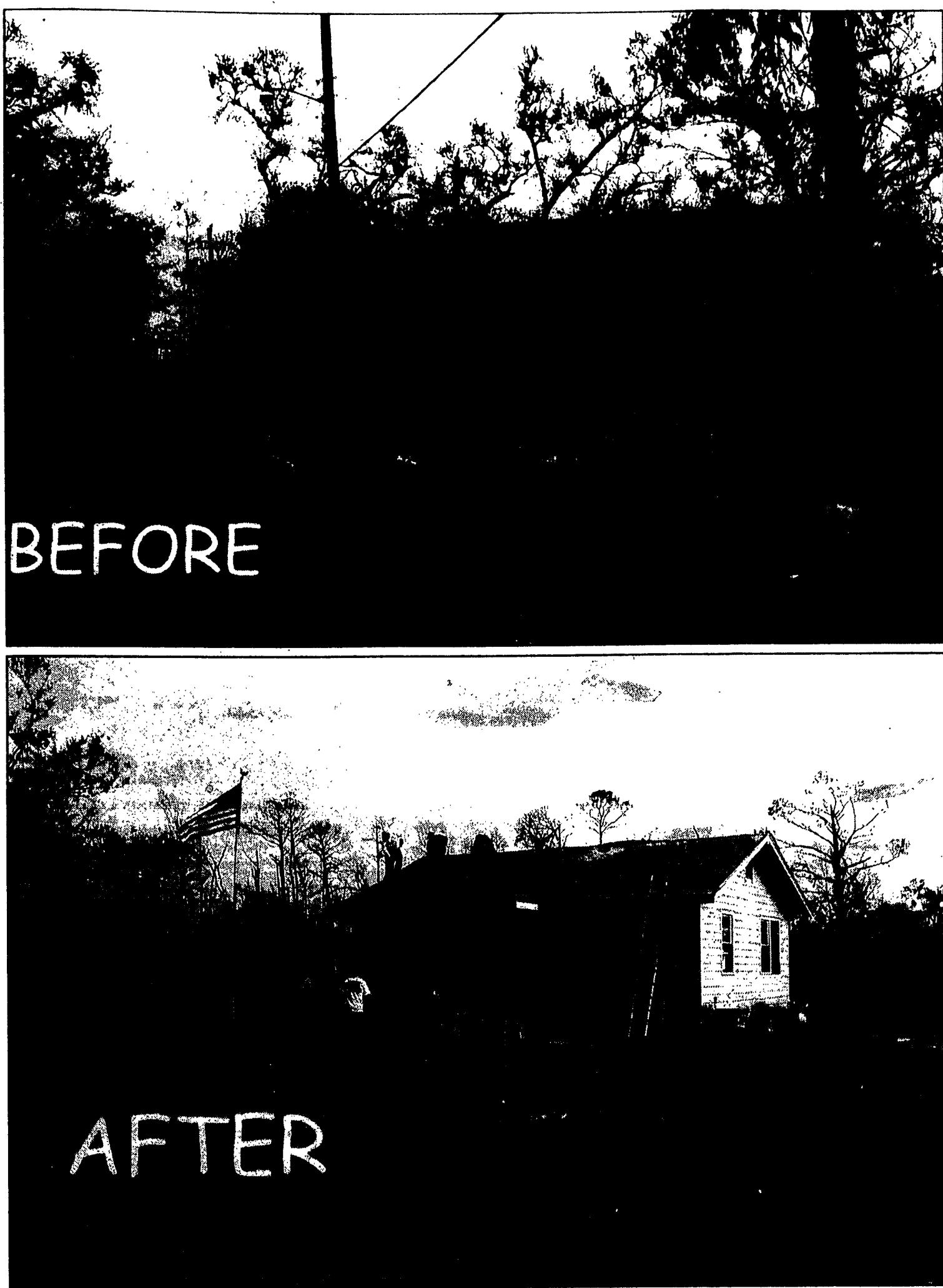
was pointing.

There on the floor beside my chair were the mangled remains of a dead mouse.



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Edward and Gloria Cook of Sears Ave. in Waveland thought their home would be lost until a Good Samaritan stepped forward and moved it back to its original place for them.

'Katrina moved you and I can move you back!'

SEA COAST ECHO

After Edward and Gloria Cook, who live on Sears Ave. in Waveland thought for months that their home would have to be bulldozed, a man named Dwight placed a sign on their home that read, "Katrina moved you and I can move you

back."

The house was originally built in 1958, where they raised three children, with two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and small bath.

They had many concerns, but several people insisted it could be done after studying the structure of the home. On

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Obituaries

GILLIS GUIDRY DONNA READY

GILLIS GUIDRY

Gillis Everace Guidry, age 88, died on Monday, January 30, 2006, at Mercy Medical Hospice, Daphne, Al. He was born in Matthews, La., and lived in New Orleans until his retirement from Trinity Industries, when he moved to Waveland, Ms.

The day after Hurricane Katrina he fell and was evacuated to Mobile, Al., where he later had a stroke. He was a World War II veteran and served in the army of occupation in Germany. Subsequent to returning home he was active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars for many years and served as Commander of the William H. Bauer post in 1951. He was a member of American Legion Post 77, Waveland, Ms.

He was the husband of the late Thelma Kurtz Guidry, father of Adrienne Rose Bremer, and Dr. Lawrence Sal Guidry; grandfather of Daniel Charles Bremer Jr., Dwayne Christopher Bremer, and Brett Lawerence Guidry. He was great-grandfather to Daniel Charles Bregier III, and Jessica Rose Guidry. He was father-in-law to Daniel Charles Bremer, and Brynn Kessier Guidry. He has one surviving sister,

Doris Schwankhart, and was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the memorial service at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, 110 South Necaise Ave. Bay St. Louis, on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006 at 1 p.m. Visitation is at 12 p.m. A private graveside service will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mercy Medical Hospice, P.O. Box 1090 Daphne, Al., 36526, or a charity of your choice.

PAULINE HAFNER

Pauline Hafner, 88, of Meridian and formerly of Cabool, Mo., passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at the Poplar Springs Nursing Center in Meridian.

Pauline was born Oct. 27, 1917 in Hartville, Mo., the daughter of John C. and Eva (Robinette) Jones.

She was united in marriage to Charles A. Hafner of Cabool on July 3, 1940, in Jonesboro, Ark. They had two daughters, Judith Ann and Sandra Diane.

She graduated from Hartville Schools and then attended SMSU and the University of Mississippi, where she received her Masters Degree. She then taught school in St. James, Mo., St. Louis County and

Cabool Schools. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charlie, in Nov. 1999; daughter Sandra in 1958; two brothers and one sister. She is survived by her daughter, Judith Lipscomb and husband George Jr. of Bay St. Louis; two granddaughters and their husbands, Robinette and Thomas Lawler of Waveland and Annabelle and Gene Moran of Bay St. Louis; five great-grandchildren, Tyce and Whitley Lawler of Waveland and Shawn, Kyle and Brooke Moran of Bay St. Louis; sister Helen Cunningham of Marshfield, Mo.; three sisters-in-law, Tess Hunt of Bakersfield, Ca., Lillian Norman of Lake Stevens, Wa. and Joann Jones of Columbia, Mo.; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 10, in the funeral chapel with the Rev. Art Ellsworth officiating. Burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Mountain Grove, Mo., under the direction of Elliott-Gentry-Carder Funeral Home of Cabool, Mo.

DONNA READY

Donna L. Ready, 48 of Childersburg, AL passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2006 in Childersburg, AL. Donna was born in

Waynesboro, MS on April 2, 1957 and was a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS for 25 years before moving to Alabama and was of the Baptist Faith. She enjoyed gardening and loved her pets, Duke, Nettie, and Tranzer. Donna also enjoyed spending time with her loving family.

She is preceded in death by her Godchild & nephew, Louis Edward Prendergast, III.

She is survived by her daughter, Demetra "Dee" Colon & husband, Francisco of Waveland, MS; parents, Josephine D. Ready of Picayune, MS, Edward Allen Ready & step mother Paula of Bay St. Louis, MS; brother, Billy Ready of Mobile, AL; 4 sisters, Marilyn Handley, Tinka Lucas, Lisa Counts, all of Picayune, MS, and Shirley Prendergast of Bay St. Louis, MS. She is also survived by 2 grandchildren, Trevor Aaron and Isabella Maria of Waveland, MS and numerous nieces & nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial followed in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, is in charge of the arrangements.

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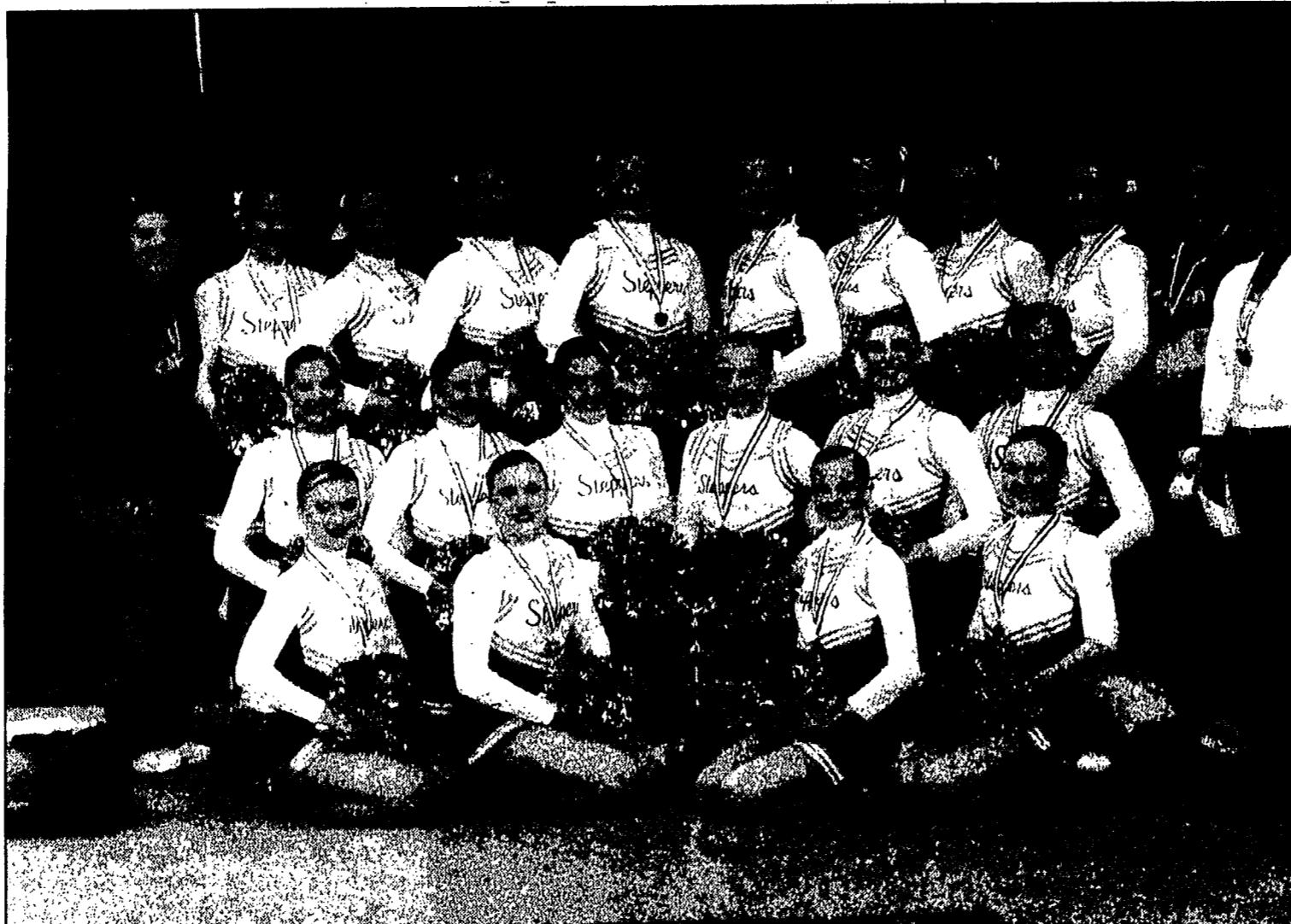
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The Bay High Steppers Dance Team

The Bay High Stepper Dance Team attended the Second Annual MHSAA State Dance Competition on December 17 in Jackson, MS. The Steppers placed first in Division 4-A Prom, scoring a total of 286 points out of a possible 300. There was stiff competition from a host of schools throughout the state.

The dance team has been displaced from their practice area due to Hurricane Katrina damage to Bay High School. The dance team members continued to practice and

condition during the aftermath of the storm, prior to the re-opening of the Bay-Waveland School District on Nov. 7, often using parking lots or empty fields as a practice facility. The dance team members were determined not to let the destruction of so much around them undermine their goals and dedication to performing at their best.

The Bay High Steppers will travel to Jackson again in February to compete in the American All-Star Mississippi State Dance Team Competition. The

dance team is a division of the Bay High Tiger Pride Marching Band, who has requested fundraising assistance to travel to an invitational performance at Disney World. The Stepper's are also looking for any sponsors or other dance teams who are willing to help us with a fundraiser.

The dance team will be unable to attend National's without funds, and are unable to fundraise in the community due to the hurricane. The Steppers want to thank everyone for their continued support.

The twenty mem-

bers of the Bay High Stepper Dance Team are under the direction of Mrs. Natalie Skinner.

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Sports

9th grade SSC Rocks capture Mid-Coast Conference title

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

Last month, the St. Stanislaus ninth grade basketball team captured the Mid Coast Conference Championship with a thrilling second half performance against St. Martin for a 46-20 win.

The Rocks defeated Forrest County in the first round and Stone County in the second round before claiming the title. This marks the second consecutive season that the Rocks have won the championship.

In the championship game, the Rocks were down 13-12 at halftime before turning up the defensive pressure and allowed only eight points in the second half.

SSC coach Kelton Thompson commented, "Following the storm, it was unclear if there was going to be a team because we did not have a gauge on what students were still in the area or were coming back. Plus, with all that has happened, we did not have the luxury of practice time like some of the other teams."

"For the most part, we did not start dribbling a ball until after January 3rd."

The Rocks' title win gave them a final record of 8-3. The team was a work in progress throughout the season due to the limited amount of time spent in practice



Mid-Coast Conference title champs, the ninth-grade St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws. Pictured are: Coach Kelton Thompson with Marcus Johnson, William Acker, Brandon Cobb, Miles Ladner, Mario Martinez, Ian Larson, Keith

and the like.

Plus, the team only numbered seven players - Marcus Johnson, Bryan Lynch, Mario Martinez, Miles Ladner, Ian Larson, Brandon Cobb and Will Acker.

Thompson continued, "This team's effort and dedication was tremendous. Most of our first

eight games were played against other schools' junior varsity teams. They worked very hard and created chemistry in a short amount of time. That is why they ended up where they did. We have talked about all the history and moments that we have lost at school due to the storm.

It feels really good to be able to put the first one back in the case. It means a lot to the program, the school and these players.

"I am extremely proud of what they have accomplished and the future of SSC basketball is very bright with this crew."

Brignone, Bowser and Morris chosen for All-Star gridiron teams

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

Three area football players have been chosen to participate in upcoming all-star games following standout senior seasons.

SSC senior defensive tackle J C Brignone has been chosen to play for Mississippi in the annual Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Football Classic on June 3rd at Mobile's Ladd-Peebles Stadium.

This marks the second consecutive year that SSC has placed a member on the prestigious squad and the fourth player since 2000. The first player chosen was TE Stephen Peterman who eventually went on to win a national championship with LSU in 2003. Both LB Lee Klein and FB Jordan Ellis were selected for the classic last season before suiting up for Air Force and Tulane, respectively. Klein was also the first area player to earn MVP honors for his performance in last year's game.

Brignone, a 6-1 285-pound Mississippi State signee, lettered three seasons for SSC before having to play his senior season at Parkview High School in Atlanta due to the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina.

In his senior campaign, Brignone recorded 76 total tackles, 9 sacks, and 26 quarterback hurries in only eight games. Parkview advanced to the quarter-finals of the Class 5A Georgia state playoffs.

The team was chosen following a combine that featured over 300 seniors participating under the auspices of Oxford's Johnny Hill who will coach the team. Other Coast selections include Moss Point cornerback C.J. Bailey and Pascagoula OL Andy Nations. Other players chosen include Oxford HS and Memphis signee QB Matt Malouf, Terry HS and MSU signee RD Anthony Dixon and Franklin County HS and Ole Miss signee DL Marcus Tillman.

A mini-camp will be conducted on April 30th at Hinds Community College and all players are required to attend.

Pass Christian LB Jaren Bowser was chosen as a member of the South team for the Bernard Blackwell Classic on July 21st at Mississippi College.

Bowser, a workhorse at both running back and linebacker for the Pirates, rushed for close to 900 yards and amassed over 90 total tackles in a shortened season due to Katrina and injuries. Bowser is the first Pirate chosen for an all-star game since Maurice Hardnett in 2003.

Bay High OL/DL Teddy Morris was also chosen to participate in the Bernard Blackwell Classic as a member of the South team.

The dominating line-man on both sides of the ball anchored a Bay High line that led the Tigers into the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs. Morris has been a stalwart in the line at Bay

High for four seasons. Morris recently signed with Pearl River Community College.

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U.S. COAST GUARD TO HOLD PRE-BID CONFERENCE FOR MARINE DEBRIS REMOVAL

The U.S. Coast Guard Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic (MLCLANT) Norfolk, VA has been tasked to procure removal and disposal services of debris in residential canals within three counties in the State of Mississippi. The debris, which was caused by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, includes a broad spectrum of both non-hazardous and hazardous items. Sample pictorial views of these areas are posted at <http://www.uscg.mil/mlclant/fdiv/fdiv.html> under HSCGMS-DEBRIS.

Detailed information on the below sites should be available at the following Web site www.fedbizopps.gov or www.fbo.gov.

The issuance of a draft solicitation is anticipated on or about March 1, 2006, with a pre-solicitation conference on or about, 9:00 AM, March 8, 2006 at the Harrison County Courthouse, Gulfport, MS.

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The story is told through creative and collaborative collage art with simple messages that express profound emotions and describe the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. The story starts with preparation and evacuation, moves through the stress of being displaced and not knowing the whereabouts of loved ones or the condition of one's home and belongings, and ends with a message of the persistence of hope.

Story of a Storm started as the idea of Reona Visser, fifth grade teacher at Coast Episcopal School in Pass Christian, and native of South Africa. During the evacuation process, while driving in bumper-to-bumper traffic, Visser felt compelled to write a book about Katrina. She felt fortunate to be able to return to her home in Diamondhead, one day after Katrina hit.

Of her home, Visser

said, "Buried under a mound of trees, it still looked good compared to the devastation around us. The house was dry and we stayed—camping out with none of the luxuries we take for granted."

The first week after the storm, Visser had her own children draw pictures about the storm. "It seemed like a good way to help them deal with the trauma," said Visser.

As friends started coming by to look for Visser and her family, she invited their children to stay at her home while the parents searched through mud and rubble for their belongings. She told both the children and the parents about her idea of creating a book about Katrina with art. The children were enthusiastic about working on the group project.

"Some children were dropped off at 7:30 in the morning and stayed until 8:30 at night," said Visser. Two weeks later, when email communication was restored, Visser emailed friends and invited more kids to come and take part in the collage creations.

The result was thirty children, ranging from kindergarten to eighth grade, working on collaborative collages. Each piece of art is the product of more than one child.

One child might have drawn the leaf, another painted it, a third cut it out and another placed it on the collage.

Visser enabled the children to make contributions to the project at their own level of ability. The artwork is mixed media and was made with materials that they had on hand including cardboard, newspaper, paints and markers, and cotton balls. On one piece of art, a recovered roof shingle (complete with nail hole) was used to depict the asphalt of a road. On another, a student used her necklace and the project took off from there.

All of the children who participated are part of the student body of Coast Episcopal School. The school itself was damaged and a large part of the student body was left homeless. Despite its damage, the school was serving as a hub for relief efforts, and was dubbed "Klub Katrina" by locals and volunteers.

About one month after the storm, teachers were able to return to school to prepare for students. Visser took the children's artwork to school to decorate an empty bulletin board in her class. Said Visser, "I needed a fresh, happy look when the students returned later that week."

Those who saw the works were moved. Volunteers who came through the school started taking pictures of it and talking to Visser about the project and her desire to publish the works as a book and to contribute proceeds to the relief effort.

One such volunteer was Greg Griffith, whose wife happened to be a graphic designer with experience in designing children's books and charitable-project books. Griffith immediately showed the pictures to his wife Stacey Deen Griffith and the project took off from there.

Stacey was equally moved by the book and felt compelled to

contribute her time to making the book a reality. In addition to donating her own time for art direction and layout, Stacey contacted Quail Ridge Press with whom she had worked on other book projects.

Again, the simple and moving message of the art and words captured the spirit of giving. Quail Ridge Press enthusiastically agreed to contribute production, promotion, and distribution of the book.

Local photographer Josh Hailey contributed his time to professionally photograph the artwork for production of the book. The generosity even reaches to Korea where printer Sally Kim agreed to

donate the cost of printing the book. Visser's vision was becoming a reality.

Through Story of a Storm, the heart-felt expressions of children through art will evoke emotion and spread the message of hope. Proceeds from the book will benefit the Coast Episcopal School Relief Fund which helps families rebuild their homes and replace necessities. Story of a Storm is scheduled for release in March, 2006 and will be available through bookstores, gift shops and directly from Quail Ridge Press at 1-800-343-1583 or www.quailridge.com. Pre-publication copies may be reserved online.

Hancock Holding dividend

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JERI LUANN MILLER, Administratrix PETITIONER

VERSUS

CHERYL THOMPSON RESPONDENT

CAUSE NO. C2301-04-00587

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Jeri Luann Miller, Administratrix, for a Petition to Establish Heirs-At-Law.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Establish Heirs-At-Law in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

on the 14th day of March, 2006 in the Hancock County courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 20 day of January, 2006.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk

BY: Larrinell Scarborough D.C.

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Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 6th day of February, 2006.

(SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar, Clerk

Board of Supervisors

Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Terry E. Guenard, D.C.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAVELAND ON THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006, AT THE CITY OF WAVELAND CITY HALL COMPLEX, LOCATED AT 335 COLEMAN AVENUE, BUILDING 9, WAVELAND, MISSIS-

SIPPI, AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

Arthur Lang requests a zoning change from R-2 to C-3 on

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John Mattern requests a variance to divide a parcel into

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This property is located in the 700 block of Barlow and Fifth (Chris) Streets.

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Katrina's story told through children's art—book proceeds benefit relief efforts in Mississippi

SEA COAST ECHO

A simple truth... The birds knew. The birds knew that Hurricane Katrina was coming.

So begins Story of a Storm, a picture book by Reona Visser and the children of Coast Episcopal School about the hurricane and its effects on cities, families, and countless individual lives. The story is told through creative and collaborative collage art with simple messages that express profound emotions and describe the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. The story starts with preparation and evacuation, moves through the stressors of being displaced and not knowing the whereabouts of loved ones or the condition of one's home and belongings, and ends with a message of the persistence of hope.

Story of a Storm started as the idea of Reona Visser, fifth grade teacher at Coast Episcopal School in Pass Christian, and native of South Africa. During the evacuation process, while driving in bumper-to-bumper traffic, Visser felt compelled to write a book about Katrina. She felt fortunate to be able to return to her home in Diamondhead, one day after Katrina hit.

Of her home, Visser

said, "Buried under a mound of trees, it still looked good compared to the devastation around us. The house was dry and we stayed—camping out with none of the luxuries we take for granted."

The first week after the storm, Visser had her own children draw pictures about the storm. "It seemed like a good way to help them deal with the trauma," said Visser.

As friends started coming by to look for Visser and her family, she invited their children to stay at her home while the parents searched through mud and rubble for their belongings. She told both the children and the parents about her idea of creating a book about Katrina with art. The children were enthusiastic about working on the group project.

"Some children were dropped off at 7:30 in the morning and stayed until 8:30 at night," said Visser. Two weeks later, when email communication was restored, Visser emailed friends and invited more kids to come and take part in the collage creations.

The result was thirty children, ranging from kindergarten to eighth grade, working on collaborative collages. Each piece of art is the product of more than one child.

One child might have drawn the leaf, another painted it, a third cut it out and another placed it on the collage.

Visser enabled the children to make contributions to the project at their own level of ability. The artwork is mixed media and was made with materials that they had on hand including cardboard, newspaper, paints and markers, and cotton balls. On one piece of art, a recovered roof shingle (complete with nail hole) was used to depict the asphalt of a road. On another, a student used her necklace to represent wire from a telephone pole.

All of the children who participated are part of the student body of Coast Episcopal School. The school itself was damaged and a large part of the student body was left homeless. Despite its damage, the school was serving as a hub for relief efforts, and was dubbed "Klub Katrina" by locals and volunteers.

About one month after the storm, teachers were able to return to school to prepare for students. Visser took the children's artwork to school to decorate an empty bulletin board in her class. Said Visser, "I needed a fresh, happy look when the students returned later that week."

Those who saw the works were moved. Volunteers who came through the school started taking pictures of it and talking to Visser about the project and her desire to publish the works as a book and to contribute proceeds to the relief effort.

One such volunteer was Greg Griffith, whose wife happened to be a graphic designer with experience in designing children's books and charitable-project books. Griffith immediately showed the pictures to his wife Stacey Deen Griffith and the project took off from there.

Stacey was equally moved by the book and felt compelled to

contribute her time to making the book a reality. In addition to donating her own time for art direction and layout, Stacey contacted Quail Ridge Press with whom she had worked on other book projects.

Again, the simple and moving message of the art and words captured the spirit of giving. Quail Ridge Press enthusiastically agreed to contribute production, promotion, and distribution of the book.

Local photographer Josh Hailey contributed his time to professionally photograph the artwork for production of the book. The generosity even reaches to Korea where printer Sally Kim agreed to

donate the cost of printing the book. Visser's vision was becoming a reality.

Through Story of a Storm, the heart-felt expressions of children through art will evoke emotion and spread the message of hope. Proceeds from the book will benefit the Coast Episcopal School Relief Fund which helps families rebuild their homes and replace necessities. Story of a Storm is scheduled for release in March, 2006 and will be available through bookstores, gift shops and directly from Quail Ridge Press at 1-800-343-1583 or www.quailridge.com. Pre-publication copies may be reserved online.

Hancock Holding dividend

Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC) today announced that the company's board of directors approved a regular first quarter 2006 common stock cash dividend of \$0.195 per share. Approved during the February meeting of the company's board of directors, the regular quarterly common stock cash dividend is payable March 15, 2006, to shareholders of record as of March 3, 2006.

Hancock Holding Company — the parent company of Hancock Bank (Mississippi), Hancock Bank of Louisiana, Hancock Bank of Florida, and Magna Insurance Company — has assets of nearly \$6.0 billion. Founded in 1899, Hancock Bank stands among the strongest, safest five-star financial institutions in America. Hancock Bank operates 102 offices and more

than 140 automated teller machines throughout South Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and the Florida Panhandle as well as subsidiaries Hancock Investment Services, Inc., Hancock Insurance Agency, and Harrison Finance Company.

Investors can access additional corporate information or on-line banking and bill pay services at www.hancockbank.com.

Sea Coast Echo Legal Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALD WAYNE MILLER, Deceased
JERI LUANN MILLER, Administratrix PETITIONER VERSUS CHERYL THOMPSON, RESPONDENT
CAUSE NO. C2301-04-00587
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW
 You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Jeri Luann Miller, Administratrix, for a Petition to Establish Heirs-At-Law.
 You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Establish Heirs-At-Law in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m.
 on the 14th day of March, 2006 in the Chancery courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.
 Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 20 day of January, 2006.
(SEAL)
 TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk
 BY: Larrinell Scarborough D.C.
 02/04; 02/11; 02/18/06

NOTICE OF BIDDERS
 Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., March 6, 2006, and shortly thereafter publicly opened for:
 A VARIETY OF TREES INCLUDING MULCH, SOIL MIX AND TRANSPORT FEES TO SUPPORT THE COUN-

TY'S TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT TREE PLANTING PROGRAM
 Bid specifications to bidders are available, upon request from the Hancock County Board of Supervisors office, Hancock County Courthouse Complex, 3068 Longfellow Drive, Trailer #3, P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520, or by calling (228) 467-0172.
 All envelopes MUST be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state the item(s) bid on and the bid "OPENING DATE". All envelopes MUST be stamped filed in the Hancock County Chancery Clerk's office (Trailer #2) before 11:00 a.m., on the day of the bid opening.
 The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
 Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 6th day of February, 2006.
(SEAL)
 Timothy A. Kellar, Clerk
 Board of Supervisors
 Hancock County, Mississippi
 By: Terry E. Guenard, D.C.
 02/11; 02/18/06

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF Waveland ON THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006, AT THE CITY OF Waveland CITY HALL COMPLEX, LOCATED AT 335 COLEMAN AVENUE, BUILDING 9, Waveland, MISSIS-

SIPPI, AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
 Arthur Lang requests a zoning change from R-2 to C-3 on property that he owns located in the 300 block of Louisa Street.
 Legal Description is: Block 5, lots 1-4, Pine Forest Subdivision, City of Waveland, Hancock County Mississippi. John Mattern requests a variance to divide a parcel into eight lots. Five of the lots would front on Fifth (Chris) Street and they would meet the required lot frontage and required square footage. Three of the lots would front on Barlow Street. They meet the required square footage and they require a variance of 7.11' from the required lot frontage. This property is located in the 700 block of Barlow and Fifth (Chris) Streets.
 Legal Description is: Lot 4 & pt. of lot 3, Block 2, Bay St. Louis Land & Improv. Co., 1st Addn., City of Waveland, Hancock County Mississippi. Michael W. Cooksey requests a variance of 5' from the required side yard setback on the left side of his property located at 614 Gladstone Street in order to construct a new residence.
 Legal Description: All of lot 11 and pt. of lots 10 & 12, Block 114, Golfview Subdivision, City of Waveland, Hancock County Mississippi.

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY ATTEND AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.
 For additional information phone 466-2549, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
 CHRISTINE GALLAGHER ZONING OFFICIAL
 02/11; 02/15; 02/18/06

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
THOMAS S. BOND and LINDA RAWLS BOND
PLAINTIFFS VERSUS
MARY ANN BECNAL and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JANET HITT and ANY AND ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST
TO THE HEIRSHIP OR HEIRSHIP OF JANET HITT
DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO.: C2301-05-734(2)
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF JANET T. HITT, DECEASED, AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE HEIRSHIP OF JANET T. HITT, DECEASED
 You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Thomas S. Bond and Linda Rawls Bond, Plaintiffs against Mary Ann Bechnal and the Unknown Heirs of Janet Hitt and any and all persons or entities claiming any right, title or interest to the Heirship or Estate of Janet Hitt, Defendants herein, seeking to interplead funds and to cancel Deed of Trust.
 You are required to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to: OLEN LLOYD ANDERSON, the attorney for the Plaintiff(s), whose post office address is Post Office Box 3581, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39521-3581, and

whose street address is 544 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520.
 Your response must be mailed or delivered not later than (30) days after the 11th day of February 2006, which is the date of the first publication of this summons. If your response is not so mailed or delivered, a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other relief demanded in the complaint.
 You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.
 Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court this the 9 day of February, 2006.
(Seal)
 TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
 Chancery Court Clerk
 Hancock County, Mississippi
 By: D.L. Lee
 Deputy Clerk
 02/11; 02/18; 02/25/06

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that on March 15, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at Malley's Store All the following units will be sold to satisfy storage lien in accordance with the Mississippi Lien Law.
 Unit 170 Sara Malley
 Unit 122 Julie Sanders
 David D. Malley, Owner
 02/15/2006
 Run: 02/18; 02/22; 02/25/06

2006-UN-54
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC.
WC123186600
IN RE:
NOTICE OF INTENT OF TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC.
 (SEAL)
 02/18/06

TO CHANGE ITS RATES FOR WATER SERVICE IN ITS CERTIFICATE AREAS IN ADAMS, HANCOCK, HARRISON, AND JACKSON COUNTIES, MISSISSIPPI.

NOTICE
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 10th day of February, 2006, Total Environmental Solutions, Inc. filed with the Mississippi Public Service Commission the above referenced matter.

Any person desiring to participate in or receive further notice of these proceedings is required under Rule 6J of the Commission's Public Utility Rules of Practice and Procedure to file a written petition to intervene on or before twenty (20) days from the date of this notice.

This cause is returnable to the next regular meeting of the Commission to be held at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 7, 2006, in the Mississippi Public Service Commission Hearing Room, 1st Floor, Woolfolk State Office Building, Jackson, Mississippi. This cause may be heard on said return date, if a hearing is necessary, or be subject to being set for disposition on a hearing date not less than twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this Notice. If protest, answer or other appropriate pleading is on file in response to this matter, the Commission will consider same on said hearing date.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ON THIS, THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006.
 BRIAN U. RAY
 Executive Secretary
 (SEAL)
 02/18/06

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FOUND AFTER KATRINA Certificate of honorable discharge in the name of CPL Johnnie G. Gates, dated Jan 27th 1953. Please call 323-2642 or 985-209-3309.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR FLOWER beds or cleaning house, call Faye at 209-9717. 02/18

FURNITURE SHOPPING? Special discount pricing. Direct from N.C. Over 400 MFG to choose from delivery & set-up in your home. www.homeawayfurniture.com 800-334-9094. 03/15

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INCOME TAX, settlement, or insurance checks cashed. No matter how big, in the Jimmy Stockstill Motors Building, 1-800-798-9133. 02/25

AVON \$10.00 START UP FEE 1-800-348-8730. Call Angel ISR. 02/18

79 FIESTA TRAILER FOR SALE, fixer upper, furnished, \$5000. o.b.o., 228-467-6528 or 466-9877. 02/28

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Looking up in the Bay's Third Ward

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

When Jeffrey Reed ran for the Bay St. Louis city council last year, he never dreamed that he would be faced with the crisis of a lifetime. Reed, the loquacious, well-dressed reverend from the Power House Church, only got to attend a handful of city council meetings before being thrust into the spotlight when Katrina struck on Aug. 29.

The rookie politician has learned on the fly, and has turned tragedy into an opportunity to make the place he calls home a better place to live.

"I did not know what to expect," Reed said. "I was prepared for anything, but we had no idea about the scope of this thing. I have enjoyed going to bat for Ward Three and the city — this is a great chance to help people."

As Reed traveled down the streets of ward three, he pointed out some of the issues that his ward is having.

"The ditches are full of water," Reed said. "There is still a lot of debris in the ditches, and in some cases the ditches are crushed. We had a meeting just for our ward the other night, and that was a big issue that the people had."

Continuing down Washington St., Reed noticed three youths playing in a yard.

"Man, that's what it's all about," Reed said. "To see those kids playing, and not having to worry about debris or any other



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danger, it's so good to see that."

Reed said that residents on Washington street voiced concerns about speeding and drug traffic moving to the Washington St. area.

"I spoke with the mayor and police chief, and hopefully there will be a little more presence on Washington St.," Reed said.

Reed said that debris removal and housing assistance are going well in his ward, and that the people he talks to daily are keeping a positive attitude on everything.

"People are upbeat about themselves," Reed said. "Everyone has been

working together, and there is no griping, just some concerns. A lot of people have found employment, and slowly we are getting back to normal."

Ward Three residents echoed Reed's feelings as Reed stopped to check on some construction going on.

"It's been rough," said Charles Dorsey. "It might take a while but we are going to come back pretty good."

"There is a lot of work," said A.J. Laneaux. "Things are coming along."

Rebuilding homes is something that Reed feels good about. Reed

has been in the construction business, and he is excited that his church, as well as others, are going to be assisting in getting construction supplies and labor for residents to rebuild.

"This is really the finest hour for the church," Reed said. "We are going to be giving out building supplies as well as doing labor in the coming months. Not only my church, but Rev. Jenkins at First Baptist, Father Sebastian at St. Rose, and so many others have shown us what the definition of church really is."

Another issue facing Ward Three is the

rebuilding of the public housing on Washington street, and the renovation of other units damaged by the storm.

Reed estimates that 70 percent of the people have returned to the ward, but he's concerned that those who lived in public housing may not come back if something is not done soon.

"About 15 percent of the thirty that are gone may come back this sum-

mer," Reed said. "I have spoken with some who are not coming back, but we are going to need a place for our people to come back to."

For the future, Reed sees bigger and better things for Ward Three.

"I would like to see a community center, as well as more playgrounds, and better homes," Reed said. "Hopefully these grants will not only be money to rebuild, but they will empower the people to come back bigger, stronger, and better."

Reed said that KABOOM! is set to assist with the rebuilding of the Martin Luther King Playground, and it should be ready by Martin Luther King Day next year.

"The ward as well as the entire city is looking forward," Reed said. "Hopefully we can rebuild a Bay St. Louis that we can be proud of. I have enjoyed working with the council so far, and we are all looking forward to the challenges of the future."

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